

10 October 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Invitations to our Discussion/Dinner on
Wednesday, 18 October 1978

1. Action Requested: Signature on the letters attached.
2. Background: You approved the subject and prospective participants list for this discussion/dinner on 18 August. The guest list was to be built around current and former members of the US-USSR Joint Commission on Science and Technology (JCS&T) and others especially knowledgeable on the subject of Soviet S&T. We were disappointed that Frank Press was unable to arrange his schedule so as to attend our meeting. But Guy Stever, who was President Ford's Science Advisor, has accepted. We also failed to corner the one current academic we had on the list, but one of the others, Dr. Herbert Fوسفeld, who was then with the Kennecott Corporation, has now returned to the academic world and directs a science and technology policy center at New York University. Fوسفeld remains a member of the JCS&T; Stever is a former Chairman of the Commission, and Betsy Anker-Johnson, of Argonne National Laboratories, is a former member. The others are Bob Fossum, Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and Dr. Charles Huggins of General Electric, representing the industry point of view.
3. The letters are coming to you very late in the game, owing to the difficulties that had in obtaining commitments. But all have agreed to participate.
4. Recommendation: That you sign the letters, which will be returned to my office so that the reading materials can be attached.

Attachments



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APPROVED:

/s/ Stansfield Turner

Director of Central Intelligence

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Center for Science and Technology Policy
Graduate School of Public Administration
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Letter to Dr. Herbert Fusfeld

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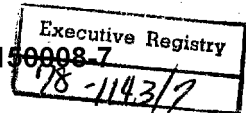
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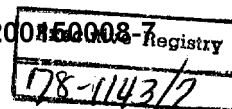
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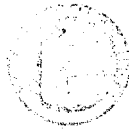
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Corporate Research and Development
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Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
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